

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

WILLIAM D. HITZ

CASE NO.: BB1077USDIV

APPLICATION NO.: UNKNOWN

GROUP ART UNIT: UNKNOWN

FILED: CONCURRENTLY HEREWITH

EXAMINER: UNKNOWN

FOR: SOYBEAN PLANT PRODUCING SEEDS  
WITH REDUCED LEVELS OF RAFFINOSE  
SACCHARIDES AND PHYTIC ACID

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is submitted to facilitate prosecution of the above-identified application. A petition for a three (3) -month extension of time for U.S. Application No. 10/025,003 (Attorney Docket No. BB-1077 US CNT) accompanies this preliminary amendment.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.